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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Illinois.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>Feb. 8, 1924.</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>Feb. 3-4, 1924.</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>EARL E. TITUS</b>
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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

**RADICAL NEGRO ACTIVITIES**

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**Internal Matter.**

FACTS DEVELOPED:

**AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

**DATE 4/8/83 BY SPICER/gt**  
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Agent visited the home of LOVETT (FORT) WHITEMAN (Colored), 4347 Grand Boulevard, Chicago, from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., and there met a MR. THOMAS E. BLAIR of 12 West Ohio Street, whose native home is in Brazil, South America, and who, Agent learned, is giving MR. WHITEMAN lessons in foreign languages.

During the talk made by MR. WHITEMAN he said that he was preparing to get out of this country as fast as he could; that as soon as he could master at least three languages he would be ready to go. He said that there is nothing here for the negro, and that until they have a Revolution in this country as they have had in other countries, the negro will be the same. He stated that he was quite sure he would be able to leave this country in at least a year, and said that he would like very much to go to Russia. He also stated that he was in Mexico for five months during the year of 1922 (he did not state what months) and that he had made a study of Mexico and it was his opinion that the United States would take Mexico over in two years; that it made no difference whether we had a Democratic or Republican President - he would have to abide by Wall Street's call, as their oil interests were so large in that country; that this would be brought about by this country

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having "some poor devil killed" and then there would be war.

He further stated that the WORKERS PARTY have been trying to awaken the Negro and keep him out of the war and to show him that it is only for the Capitalist that they are fighting. He also said that the WORKERS PARTY had sent money to Professor KELLY MILLER for five delegates in the SANHEDRIN conference, which will be held in Chicago, February 12-15, 1924, and that the delegates will operate under the heading of the AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD; that the delegates held a meeting at his, WHITEMAN'S, home last Friday evening and discussed the policy they would use at the SANHEDRIN to spread their propaganda. He said that he was selected for the speaker to hold the floor as much as possible; and that there was a place for each one of the delegates to work.

Agent talked with MR. THOMAS E. BLAIR, who said that he was born in Brazil; his Father was born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. He said that he did not think he would stay in this country as he could not get used to it. He is 22 years of age; five foot, five or seven inches tall; weighs about 145 pounds; light complexion; dark eyes; very dark brown hair; talks broken english.

MR. WHITEMAN has been in Chicago about one year, as far as Agent can learn. He is a newspaper writer and is on the "CHICAGO DEFENDER" staff and does a great deal of the writing for the WORKERS PARTY at the same time.

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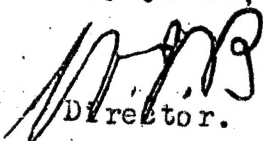
February 21, 1924.

Mr. J. P. Rooney,  
P. O. Box 455,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Replying to the request contained in your letter of February 11, 1924 for a photostat copy of a photograph of Billings, colored delegate to the Fourth Congress of the Communist International, there is transmitted herewith photostat copies of two groups containing the individual referred to.

Very truly yours,

  
Director.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
P. O. Box 455,

February 11, 1924.

WM. J. BURNS, ESQ.,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Attention of Mr. Hoover.

Dear Sir:

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Enclosed please find a photostat copy, which represents part of Page 699 of "THE MESSENGER" a colored publication for May 1923, which carries a picture of LOVETT FORT WHITEMAN, a prominent colored Communist in Chicago.

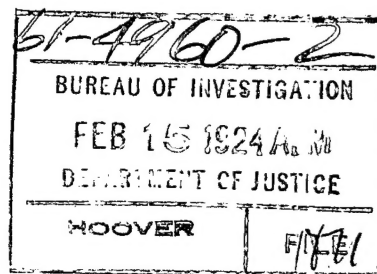
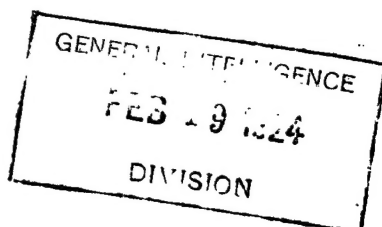
It is believed that said WHITEMAN might have been BILLINGS, a colored delegate to the FOURTH CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL. Therefore, it is desired that you send a photostatic reproduction of the picture of BILLINGS to this office.

The enclosed photostatic copy is intended for your files, as I have retained one for the Chicago file.

Very truly yours,

*James P. Rooney*  
JAMES P. ROONEY,  
Agent in Charge.

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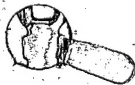
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Mr. Whiteman, art and dramatic critic; Contributing Editor, THE MESSENGER.



PRINT OF MY REMEMBRANCE. By Augustus Thomas. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Reviewed by Lovett Fort-Whiteman.

There is a fine old saying of La Bruyere: "If a work elevates your mind and inspires you with noble and courageous feelings, seek no other rule for judging it; it is good and wrought by a master hand." "The Print of My Remembrance," a recent book by the celebrated American playwright, Mr. Augustus Thomas, is a beautiful specimen of the memora-

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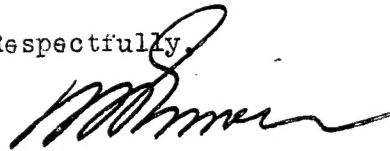
March 9, 1926.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN:

On the 3rd instant, during your absence, Mr. Kumler of the State Department telephoned asking whether we could advise him as to the identity of Lovett Forte-Whitman, a negro communist, especially whether this Subject came from Jamaica.

I had the matter looked up and was unable to get the information, and so advised Mr. Kumler's office.

Respectfully,



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June 22nd, 1926.

Mr. M. P. Blackman,  
P. O. Box #455,  
Chicago, Ill.

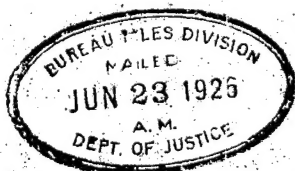
Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a communication from the Department of State concerning one Lovett Fort Whiteman, who is reported to be planning to proceed to Europe this summer to address meetings on behalf of the Communist Party in Great Britain. The State Department is desirous of obtaining any information which may be discreetly obtained concerning the plans and movements of this subject.

Please forward to me such information as you may be able to obtain.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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July 16th, 1926.

Mr. Alexander C. Kirk,  
Department of State,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of  
June 8th, concerning LOVETT FORT WHITEMAN.

I am advised by the Chicago Office of  
the Bureau that information obtained from a con-  
fidential source is to the effect that while  
Whiteman, some time ago mentioned the possibility  
of making a trip to Europe, he did not make any  
specific statement as to when he contemplated go-  
ing. I am informed that subject is at present in  
Chicago.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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FOI PR # 232576

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE: July 1, 1926	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/28 - 7/1/1926	REPORT MADE BY: JAMES O. PEYRONNIN
TITLE: LOVETT FORT WHITEMAN (colored)			CHARACTER OF CASE: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Confidential informant, Chicago, Illinois, advises that subject WHITEMAN is in Chicago, Illinois at present. No available information at this time as to whether or not WHITEMAN will visit abroad. However, informant will advise Agent promptly in the event of any information to the effect that WHITEMAN will leave the United States.

PENDING

## DETAILS:

This investigation predicated on letter dated June 22nd, 1926, initials and number, TFB:ES , 61-4960, from the Director, Washington, D.C. in which it is stated that the State Department is desirous of obtaining any information concerning the plans and movements of subject.

Agent talked with confidential informant in this matter, from whom the following information was received. That last summer WHITEMAN was contemplating going to Russia but for some reason or other the trip was cancelled, principally on account of the Negro Labor Congress; that WHITEMAN talked some time ago, about making a trip to Europe but that WHITEMAN did not give any specific information as to when he contemplated going. Further stated that WHITEMAN is at present in Chicago, Illinois, and it may be that passport is on the way to him and he (WHITEMAN) has no knowledge of it. Further stated that WHITEMAN, who is colored, may have some white women in Russia and that for this reason and in connection with his communist activities, he is anxious to visit Russia. Further stated that WHITEMAN'S principal activities are propaganda in communistic work would be among the colored population, including colonies of Great Britain.

For information, confidentially, it has been the policy between those highly connected in the communistic movement to refrain from asking each other questions along the lines of plans and movements; therefore, information as requested is

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	61-4960-4	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUL 6 1926
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somewhat difficult to secure, unless the information is given voluntarily. Informant further stated that in the event of any information received by him in this matter, he will promptly communicate with Agent and accordingly, confidential report will follow.

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July 31, 1926.

Mr. Alexander C. Kirk,  
Department of State,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

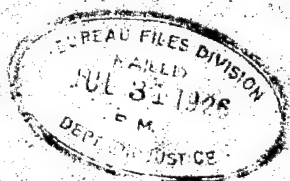
With reference to the case of LOVETT FORT  
WHITMAN (COLORED), Communist Activities, I am  
inclosing herewith report submitted by Agent  
Peyronnin, at Chicago, Ill., dated July 16, 1926.

Very truly yours,

Inc. 256635.

Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CHICAGO, ILL.

CHICAGO FILE NO. 61-80

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE: July 16, 1926	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: July 14, 1926	REPORT MADE BY: JAS. O. PEYRONNIN
TITLE: LOVETT FORT WHITEMAN (COLORED)			CHARACTER OF CASE: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Confidential informant at Chicago, Illinois, advises that subject Whiteman is still in Chicago, and that nothing has been said by him or rumors heard that he was leaving for a foreign country. This matter will be taken up with informant at close intervals and in the event of developments report will follow promptly.

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DETAILS:

With reference to Agent's report dated July 1, 1926 in the above entitled matter, which report was predicated on letter from the Director dated June 22, 1926, initials and number TFB:ES - 61-4960.

Agent, on July 14th, again conferred with confidential informant at Chicago, Illinois, as to whether or not any information was available at this time as to the contemplated departure of subject to a foreign country, and he advised that his informant who is in touch with this situation has not heard anything further in the matter.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>F. J. Blake</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	61-4960-5	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUL 19 1926
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Jas. O. Peyronnin

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July 14, 1926.

Agent will keep in touch with his informant at close intervals, and in the event of any information as to subject's departure from the United States report will follow promptly.

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APPROVED:  
FRANK J. BLAKE  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Mr. Alexander C. Kirk,  
Department of State,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the case of LOVETT  
FORT WHITMAN, communist activities, I am  
inclosing herewith report submitted by Agent  
Jas. O. Peyronnin, at Chicago, Ill., dated  
August 6, 1926.

Very truly yours,

Inc. 256593.

Acting Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILL.

CHICAGO FILE NO. 61-80

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>Aug. 6, 1926</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>Aug. 3 - 6, 1926</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>JAS. O. PEYRONNIN</b>
TITLE: <b>LOVETT FORT WHITEMAN (Colored)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES.</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information received from confidential informant that subject Whiteman has been in correspondence with J. Gothon Lunion, Le Secretaire General, Comite de Defense de la Race Negre, Paris, France, (The Secretary General, Committee of Defense of the Negro Race) probably an organization in some way concerned with the Communist movement. Nature of correspondence could not be ascertained. Also, that subject Whiteman is now in New York City to attend convention of Universal Negro Improvement Association, and that while there he (Whiteman) expects to receive a cablegram from Moscow ordering him to Russia for agitational work among the colored races in the colonies.

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## DETAILS:

Reference is made to previous reports of the Chicago, Ill. Bureau Office, in the above entitled matter; investigation predicated on letter dated June 22, 1926 from the Director, TFB:ES 61-4960.

Information received from confidential informant that subject Whiteman has been in correspondence with J. Gothon Lunion, Le Secretaire General, Comite de Defense de la Race Negre, Paris, France, (The Secretary General Committee of Defense of the Negro Race, Paris, France) probably an organization in some way concerned with the Communistic movement. Nature of the correspondence could not be ascertained by informant.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>P. J. Beane</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	61-4960-6	RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG 10 1926
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Also that Whiteman, who is known as the colored organizer of the American Negro Labor Congress, received a telegram from William Sherrell (colored) and one of the leaders of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, New York, asking him (Whiteman) to come to New York and attend the convention, which the Improvement Association is now holding in New York. The telegram in question is said to be dated either August 2nd or 3rd, 1926. Further information is that WHITEMAN left Chicago for New York on the night of August 3, 1926, and that before he left he remarked to some one that he expected a cablegram from Moscow ordering him to that city for instructions as to agitational work among the colored races in the colonies - INDIA and AFRICA. He further remarked that he did not think he would be able to come back to Chicago, and that selection of his successor in the negro work in the United States would have to be made by the national office. (u)

Information is to the effect that Robert Minor, prominent Communist, is in charge of the negro communistic work, in the United States, above Whiteman, and according to information received by confidential informant, MINOR left Chicago on either August 2nd or 3rd for Moscow, Russia. No one has been able to learn of his movements en route to Europe, or the port he will embark from.

In connection with this trip of Robert Minor to Europe, reference is made to Agent's report dated August 6, 1926, and entitled "WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY OF AMERICA ACTIVITIES, which report incorporates certain cablegrams sent by the Workers Party at Chicago to American Communists, members of the American Party in Moscow, Russia.

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Mr. Alexander C. Kirk,  
Department of State,  
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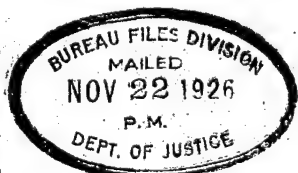
Dear Sir:

Further with regard to one  
LOVETT FORT WHITEMAN, you are ad-  
vised of the receipt of information  
from Chicago to the effect that  
Whiteman returned to Chicago from  
New York City several weeks ago, as  
he did not receive permission, as ex-  
pected by him, to go to Moscow, through  
the Workers Party.

This information is transmitted  
as of possible interest to you.

Very truly yours,

Director.



REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill	DATE WHEN MADE: Nov. 10, 1926	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Nov. 8, 1926	REPORT MADE BY: J.O. PEYRONNIN
TITLE: LOVETT FORT WHITEMAN (Colored)			CHARACTER OF CASE: Radical Activities

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information received from Confidential informant that subject had returned to Chicago from New York City several weeks ago on account of not having received permission as he had expected, to go to Moscow, Russia through the Workers Party. Further information received that Whiteman is at present organizing the Date and Fig Workers now on strike, most of whom are Negro women.

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REFERENCE: Previous reports of Chicago Office which have reference to a letter from the Director dated June 22, 1926, initials and number TFB:ES, 61-4960.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO - Same as synopsis.

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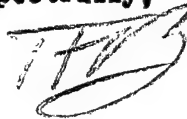
June 10, 1927.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On June 9th, Mr. Kumler of the Department of State called me by phone, to inquire whether the Bureau had any information upon LOVETT FORT WHITE-MAN, subsequent to November 22, 1926.

A search of the files was made and Mr. Kumler advised by phone that nothing subsequent to that date was found.

Respectfully,



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LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to New York letter to Director June 14, 1955, captioned as above indicating that Maurice Malkin, a former Communist Party (CP) member in the early 1940's, had advised SA George J. Starr, that the subject is an American Negro and was a member of the CP since 1922; that subject was then a member of Russian CP; that he was here in U. S. for Russia from 1926 to 1927; that he traveled extensively and was a field organizer for the Comintern among Negroes; and that he (Malkin) met the subject in 1928 at the 6th Congress of the Communist International at Moscow having stayed with him at the Lux Hotel in Moscow. Malkin had no idea of the subject's whereabouts.

Relet also indicated that the New York and Chicago indices fail to reflect any past active investigation of the subject. Relet further reflects that in a Dies Committee Report, Section 4, 1944, Lovett Fort-Whiteman is described as a delegate to the Communist International at its 6th Congress and a student at the Lenin School in Moscow. Subject was the National Organizer of the American Negro Labor Congress.

A search of Bureau files reflects that Fort-Whiteman was the subject of an investigation concerning radical activities in the early 1920's in which Chicago Office was the office of origin (CG file 61-80). Bureau files contain no additional information not already in the possession of the New York and Chicago Offices concerning the captioned subject except as indicated below.

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Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject not on SI.

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DATE 4/8/83 BY SP16SK/bjt  
*SP16SK/bjt*

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Letter to SAC, New York

In view of the information as reflected in Bureau files, that Chicago was the site of the last known activity of the subject, Chicago will continue to be the office of origin in instant matter.

The December 1, 1953, volume of the Hearing before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 83rd Congress, First Session, Investigation of Communist Activities in the San Francisco area, Part 1, reflects on page 3064 that 22 American Negroes were preparing to depart for Moscow in June, 1932, to be employed as actors in a motion picture drama being produced in Russia. One of the group, Henry Lee Moon, a reporter on the Amsterdam News, stated that Lovett Whiteman "an American Negro now in Russia" was one of the writers of the film. The information appearing on page 3064 is attributed to the "New York Herald Tribune," June 14, 1932, page 16." Information is also set forth on page 3064 that subject "went to Russia about 5 years ago" (approximately 1927). There is enclosed for the New York and Chicago Offices one copy each of a Photostat of page 3064.

There is also enclosed for the New York and Chicago Offices one copy each of Photostats of pages 129 and 130 of the Hearing before a Special Committee to Investigate Communist Activity in the United States of the House of Representatives, 71st Congress, Second Session, Part 5, Volume 3, Los Angeles, California, October 8 and 9, 1930. These Photostats refer to Lovett Fort-Whiteman.

One copy each of Photostats of pages 46 through 49 are also enclosed for the New York and Chicago Offices. These pages were obtained from Part 2, Volume 3, Department of State, June 11 to 19, 1930, Confidential Hearings before a Special Committee of the House of Representatives to Investigate Communist Activities in the United States, 71st

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Letter to SAC, New York

Congress, Second Session. These pages contain considerable information concerning Lovett Port-Whiteman and allege that Lovett Port-Whiteman was responsible for selecting and sponsoring young Negro students to Moscow to study in a Soviet University in preparation for careers in Communist "diplomatic service."

Inasmuch as the information in Bureau files indicates that subject may still be abroad you should attempt to verify his present whereabouts through logical sources prior to conducting any extensive investigation concerning Port-Whiteman.

New York Office should submit to the Chicago Office and to the Bureau all information in its possession concerning the subject's background and present whereabouts, if known, so that other Government agencies may be advised concerning this matter, if necessary, and in order to assist the Chicago Office in pursuing this matter to a logical conclusion.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (100-124243)

DATE: 6/14/55

SUBJECT: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN  
SM-C

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WHITEMAN, LOVETT

A check of the passport records by WFO 5/25/55, revealed that the subject giving his address as 221 W. 123rd Street, N.Y., N.Y., in 1927 requested a passport for a proposed 8 months trip to Mexico, Germany, France, England, and perhaps other countries for study and observation.

The subject's passport application was refused in 1927 by the Passport Office on the basis of information regarding the subject's travel to Russia and leadership activities with the American Negro Labor Congress.

Identifying data contained in this application of 1927 is as follows:

Birth  
Height  
Hair  
Eyes  
Scars  
Occupation  
Residence

12/3/89, Dallas, Texas  
5'9"  
Black  
Brown  
Slight scar under left eye  
Given as journalist  
1924--4112 Prairie Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois  
1927--221 West 123rd Street,  
N.Y., N.Y.

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT  
WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

Foreign residence

In 1924, and 1925--Germany and Poland

Father

MOSES WHITEMAN born Shreveport,  
Louisiana--deceased

MAURICE MALKIN, a former CP member in the early 1940's, had advised SA GEORGE J. STARR, that the subject is an American Negro and was a member of the CP since 1922; that subject was then a member of Russian CP; that he was here in U.S. for Russia from 1926 to 1927; that he traveled extensively and was a field organizer for the Comintern among Negroes; and that he (MALKIN) met the subject in 1928 at the 6th Congress of the Communist International at Moscow having stayed with him at the Lux Hotel in Moscow. MALKIN had no idea of the subject whereabouts.

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On 7/7/52, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the subject was an intellectual and a good speaker; that the CP did not trust him completely; that the subject went to the 5th World Congress of the Communist International in Moscow, and when he came back the CP established the American Negro Labor Congress; and that the subject was then in Russia. b6 b7C

In a Dies Committee Report, Section IV, 1944, LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN is described as a delegate to the Communist International at its 6th Congress and a student at the Lenin School in Moscow. He was National Organizer of American Negro Labor Congress.

The Chicago and New York indices fail to reflect any past active investigation of the subject.

In view of the above information, the Bureau is requested to check its references on the subject in order to ascertain if the subject has been investigated and if not to provide the NYO with pertinent information in order to decide what further investigation of this individual is warranted.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-4960)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-30920)

SUBJECT: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
OO: Chicago

DATE: September 21, 1955

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DATE 4/8/83 BY SP1GSK/gll  
FOIPA 232576

ReBulet to Chicago dated July 15, 1955,  
instructing Chicago to attempt to determine the subject's  
whereabouts and status.

For the information of Washington Field Office,  
it is to be noted that the subject, an American Negro,  
reportedly spent time in Russia in 1924, but returned  
to the United States around 1924 or 1925 and set up  
the Provisional Committee for organizing American Negro  
Labor Congress, Chicago, with himself as President.  
The subject reportedly returned to Russia in approximately  
1927 and in 1932 was reported to be teaching school  
in Russia. The subject has been reported as having  
travelled extensively as a Field Organizer in the  
Comintern among Negroes in various countries. He has  
also been reported as being a Field Organizer for the  
International Labor Defense, Negro Section, and also  
one of the most trusted Negro Communists in America.

It is also to be noted that there is no  
information as to whether the subject has ever returned  
from abroad after 1932; however, the Bureau is  
presently desirous of determining that fact.

Washington Field Office is requested to check  
the passport records of the State Department and  
determine if those records include any information  
regarding the subject, it being noted that a possibility  
exists that inasmuch as the subject is reported to  
have travelled extensively, that he may have returned  
to the United States after 1932 and then left again on  
subsequent trips.

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2 - Washington Field Office (REGISTERED)

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN  
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The subject is described as follows:

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Age	Believed to be 55 to 60
Height	6'1"
Weight	190 to 200 pounds
Complexion	Very dark
Education	Reportedly a graduate of Columbia University.

Tolson: Mr. Shroder

SAC, Chicago (100-30920) (orig and 1)

November 3, 1955

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LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reurlet 10-21-55, captioned "Lovett Fort-Whiteman, SM-C." In future correspondence utilize Internal Security - R character.

Advise Bureau whether date 1950 set forth in paragraph 1, page 2, of relet is correct.

Reviews are being conducted to determine the type and nature of Congressional hearings you inquired about, and the results will be furnished to you upon completion.

cc - 2 - Washington Field (100-31945)  
2 - New York (100-124243)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-4960)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-3092)

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October 21, 1955

SUBJECT: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN  
SMALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Re Bulet to New York, dated July 15, 1955, a copy of which was furnished to Chicago.

Regarding captioned subject, [redacted] Confidential Source, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted] on August 16, 1955, that he recalled meeting LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, an American Negro in Moscow, Russia, in 1927 while he, [redacted] was attending the Lenin School in Moscow. He stated that as he recalled WHITEMAN did not appear to have a specific assignment when he knew him but appeared to be a delegate of some sort.

[redacted] stated that there was a fairly large group of American Negroes in Moscow at that time, and he also recalled that the Negroes' role in the party was then a big item in the Communist Party and also one of the reasons for a lot of American Negroes being in Russia.

[redacted] further stated that he had not seen or heard anything about WHITEMAN since 1927 but believes that if WHITEMAN had returned to the United States that the Bureau would have known about him, inasmuch as WHITEMAN was the type that would make himself known and heard about, and also the type that would probably be used in CP organizational work.

[redacted] described WHITEMAN as tall, about 200 pounds, well built, nice looking, fairly dark complexion, intelligent, well educated and also appearing to be very proud of his intelligence and good looks. He further described WHITEMAN as somewhat of an "extrovert" and also a "primadonna" type individual who wanted to be in the public eye.

(U) [redacted] On August 23, 1955, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, was contacted by SA [redacted] [redacted], at which time he advised that based on the

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DIRECTOR, FBI

Re: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN

name and physical description of the subject he recalled being acquainted with the subject.

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(U) He stated that WHITEMAN was almost a "legendary figure" among Negro Communists not only in the United States but throughout the world. He recalled also that WHITEMAN's name was mentioned in Communist Party circles in Chicago during the middle 1930's in a fashion that led the informant to conclude that WHITEMAN was in Chicago at that time. (X)

(U) The informant further recalled that WHITEMAN at one time had been associated with one JAMES PADMORE, and that these two individuals were closely associated with the Comintern in Russia, and traveled in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Russia many years ago. (X)

(U) The informant stated that PADMORE eventually broke with the Comintern when he personally raised the question of the Negro people with leaders in Russia, and stated that he doubted their sincerity in their Negro program. Thereafter PADMORE wrote extensively on this subject denouncing the Comintern and the CP, and all left-wing papers stopped carrying his articles, according to the informant. (X)

(U) The informant further advised that about this time the CP began to criticize PADMORE, and pointed to WHITEMAN as a real and genuine revolutionary Negro leader. The informant also recalled that PADMORE was the individual who started the "Garveyite Papers", including "The Black World". (X)

(U) The informant further recalled that one ALONZO ISBELL had once stated that he, ISBELL, WHITEMAN, and one other Negro were the only American Negroes who were recognized by the newly formed party after the Lovestone and Cannon split. (X)

The above informant further stated that he has never received any information which would indicate whether or not the subject had been in the United States during recent years.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

Re: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN

A check of the Chicago files regarding the subject reflects that one CLAUDE MC KAY (now deceased) was interviewed on September 9 and 10, 1947, by SAs WESLEY A. ANDERSON and J. P. MC MAHON, in Chicago, at which time MC KAY advised he had been acquainted with LOVETT WHITEMAN in the 1920's, and that WHITEMAN visited Russia sometime after he, MC KAY, left Russia around the mid 1920's. He stated that WHITEMAN occasionally use to write to one GRACE CAMPBELL (now deceased) and himself; however, he had no information at that time concerning WHITEMAN, and did not know if WHITEMAN ever returned from Moscow.

The records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc., Chicago, Illinois were checked on August 16, 1955, by SA [redacted] concerning the subject, however, no information pertaining to the subject was noted in these records.

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[redacted] Clerk, Records and Communications Section, Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, advised SE [redacted] on August 17, 1955, that the records reflect no information concerning the subject.

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It will be noted on page 2, paragraph 2 of relet that the Bureau has furnished Chicago with a photostatic copy of page 3064 of the December 1, 1953, volume of the hearing before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 1st Session, Investigation of Communist activities in the San Francisco area, part one.

It is noted on page 2, paragraph 3 of relet, that the Bureau furnished Chicago with photostatic copies of page 129 and 130 of the hearing before a Special Committee to Investigate Communist Activity in the United States of the House of Representatives, 71st Congress, 2nd Session, part 5, volume 3, Los Angeles, October 8 and 9, 1930.

It will be further noted on page 2, paragraph 4 of relet that Chicago was also furnished a photostatic copy of pages 46 through 49 of part 2, volume 3, Department

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DIRECTOR, FBI

Re: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN

of State, June 11 to 19, 1930, confidential hearings before a Special Committee of the House of Representatives to investigate Communist activities in the United States, 71st Congress, 2nd Session.

Inasmuch as information from the above mentioned Congressional hearings may be later disseminated in report form, it is requested that the Bureau advise Chicago as to whether these hearings were public or executive hearings in order for Chicago to determine whether it is necessary to conceal the above source by a T symbol.

It is to be noted that there are current leads outstanding in this case to the New York and Washington Field Offices, and the results of this investigation will be submitted upon receipt of same.

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SUBJECT Lovett, John  
Address 1000 1st St. N

Local **WHEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED**  
 Birthdate & Place 10/43 **BY** SP10SK

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William Lovett

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-4960)

DATE: 10/27/55

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, WFO (100-31945)SUBJECT: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN  
SM-C  
(OO: Chicago)FOIPA 232576  
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DATE 4/8/83 BY SP1GSIK/hjt

Re Chicago letter 9/21/55 and New York letter 9/27/55.

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[Redacted] Passport Office, State Department, advised SA [Redacted] on 10/18/55 that a special search was made by the Passport Office for subject's file, but that the file presently cannot be located. She recommended that if necessary another request should be submitted in sixty days.

It is noted that subject's passport file was last reviewed on 5/25/55. By letters dated 6/3/55 and 6/28/55, the WFO supplied New York with the results of the Passport and HCUA checks on subject. New York was also supplied a Photostat of memoranda of the Division of Eastern European Affairs, Department of State, dated 6/6/27 and 6/13/27. The New York Division subsequently advised that the Department of State memorandum dated 6/6/27 contained either a missing page or a misnumbering of a page; the page in question is number 14 as the pages run 13, 15 with no number 14. The New York Division advised that the memo "reads" correctly in its present state.

An examination of the WFO Photostat of the memo reveals that apparently an error was made in page numbering. It is noted that the Department of State used the procedure in this memo of adding at the bottom of each page, and placed separately from the main body of the page, the first word to be used in the next succeeding page. In this instance, page 13 contains the word "from" at the bottom of the page and the first word of page 15 is "from." The last paragraph of page 13 and the first paragraph of page 15 appear to read correctly.

The New York Division should supply Chicago with pertinent information received from the WFO in this case.

It is being left to the discretion of the Chicago Division as to the desirability of requesting an additional passport check in sixty days. RUC.

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Date: November 7, 1955

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To: Legal Attache  
London, England

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Director, FBI (61-4960) **14**

Subject: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN  
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FOIPA #232576

Whiteman is an American citizen who joined the Communist Party in the United States during 1922. As of 1940 he was alleged to have been travelling on behalf of the Russian Intelligence Service (OPH) and was also alleged to be a Field Organizer for the Comintern. Subject is alleged to have travelled extensively in India and Africa organizing natives of these countries to revolt against British control. Subject is not known to have been in this country since the 1920's. Subject is described as follows:

Race: Negro

Age: 66

Born: 12-3-89, Dallas, Texas.

Height: 5'9"

Weight: 190-200

Occupation: Journalist.

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*R.S.*  
*Appt sent 12/23/55*

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You should request your sources to review their records to determine if there is any information on the subject bearing on his activities since 1920, especially any information which would show his current whereabouts and activities. **(S) X**

A copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 10-25-55 at New York is enclosed for your information and assistance.

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Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_  
Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
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cc - 1 - Chicago (Information) (100-30980)

cc - 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>CHICAGO</b>	Date <b>10/25/55</b>	Investigative Period <b>10/11-14, 17/55</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN</b>		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Typed By <b>3js/pa</b>
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b> <b>FOIPA # 232576</b> <b>Classified by SP1CSK/ql</b> <b>Declassify on: OADR</b> <b>4/8/83</b>	

## Synopsis:

(U) MAURICE MALKIN, former CP member, stated that subject joined CP in 1922; was member Russian CP, as of 1940 was traveling for GPU; was Field Organizer for Comintern; traveled extensively in India and Africa organizing natives of these countries for a revolt against English control; and that subject in 1928 was in attendance at Sixth Congress of Comintern in Moscow. Informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that in early 1920's CP did not trust subject completely, but subject was effective among colored people, especially leaders; that subject attended Fifth World Congress of the Comintern in Moscow to get funds to build new organization; that upon return to US subject established American Negro Labor Congress to replace African Blood Brotherhood; that subject may still have been in Moscow, as of 1953. The 1944 Dies Committee report reflects subject was a student at Lenin School in Moscow. The 1928-29 announcement of courses for Workers School showed LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN as a member of National Advisory Committee of Workers School.

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Approved: <i>[Signature]</i> Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below		
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DETAILS:

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY MOVEMENT

Communist Party (CP) Membership

MAURICE MALKIN, who has advised that he was a charter member of the CP, USA, at its inception in 1919, was interviewed at the New York Office on February 17, 1940, by Special Assistants to the Attorney General HENRY G. O'DONNELL and FLOYD RETT, along with SA GEORGE J. STARR. At that time MALKIN advised that LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN was then traveling on an American Passport in the British colonies for the GPU, which was a part of the Russian intelligence system.

MAURICE MALKIN was again interviewed at the New York Office on October 21, 1941, by SA W. J. HIGGINS. At this time MALKIN stated that LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN is an American negro, and had been a member of the CP since 1922. MALKIN claimed that this individual was then a member of the Russian CP and that the subject was here in the United States for Russia during the period 1926-27. MALKIN stated that the subject then traveled extensively in India and Africa, organizing the natives in these countries for revolt against the English control. MALKIN stated that the subject was a Field Organizer for the Comintern among the Negroes. According to MALKIN, he met the subject in 1928 at the Sixth Congress of the Communist International at Moscow, and that he and the subject stayed together at the Lux Hotel in Moscow. MALKIN at this time stated that he had no idea of the subject's whereabouts, but inasmuch as the subject traveled in India and Africa he may, at that time, still be there.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The Communist International (Comintern) has been cited as the centralized, world-wide organization of the Communists, controlled by Moscow, by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, No. 209, April 1, 1947; and Report No. 1920, May 11, 1948, p.43.)

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(u) T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on July 7, 1952, advised that he became acquainted with the subject in the early 1920's. T-1 stated that the subject was an intellectual and was a good speaker. According to T-1, the CP did not trust the subject completely but he was effective among "colored" people, especially leaders. ~~(S)~~

(u) T-1 stated that the subject went to the Fifth World Congress of the Communist International in Moscow to obtain funds to build a milder organization to replace the African Blood Brotherhood. When the subject came back to the United States, the CP established the American Negro Labor Congress. ~~(S)~~

(u) According to this informant, the African Blood Brotherhood was in existence in the early 1920's. He stated that it was a disciplined secret organization among "colored" CP members. He further stated that the CP wanted to tone itself down and become legal so the Communist International representative dissolved this organization in the early 1920's. ~~(S)~~

(u) According to this informant, the subject at that time was believed to be in Russia. This same informant on December 30, 1953, stated that the American Negro Labor Congress was financed by the Communist International in Moscow, which sent funds by the subject who later returned to Moscow. This informant further stated that the American Negro Labor Congress was broken up in about 1926 and was replaced by the League of Struggle for Negro Rights. ~~(S)~~

"The successor to the African Blood Brotherhood, the first Communist front organization for express purpose of carrying on Communist agitation. American Negro Labor Congress, which was headed by one of the first Negro Communist leaders in the United States, CYRIL BRIGGS, was succeeded in 1930 by the League of Struggle for Negro Rights." (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, P. 335).

The Dies Committee Report, Section IV, 1944, commented on a section dealing with the American Negro Labor Congress. It described this Congress as one of the early

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fronts organized by the CP and was founded in October, 1925. Its national organizer was LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, a Delegate to the Communist International at its Sixth Congress (International Press Correspondence, July 25, 1928, p. 708), and a student at the Lenin School in Moscow.

(U) In April, 1941, a confidential source abroad, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that the Lenin School was founded in 1926 to train foreign Communists both politically and practically in the work of revolution and at the same time produce a body of propagandists from foreign countries to organize and educate the CP abroad.

(U) On March 3, 1951, T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Lenin School was founded in 1926 in Russia to train an international Communist leadership, which would act as one, according to the discipline and in keeping with the policy of the Communist International and the CP of the Soviet Union.

The 1928-29 announcement of courses, as reviewed in the New York Public Library, by SA JOHN G. KEENAN in November and December, 1943, reflected that LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN was a member of the National Advisory Committee of the Workers School at that time.

The foreword of the 1939 Fall Term announcement of courses for the Workers School, 35 East 12th Street, New York City, states that the School was established in 1923 to fulfill the need for an institution to provide training in the theory, principles, and program of the working class movement. It states that the Workers School is recognized as the established center of Marxist-Leninist education in the United States. The National Headquarters of the CP, USA was formerly located at 35 East 12th Street, New York City.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, Former Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist daily newspaper, a self-confessed former member of the CP until 1945, advised that following World War II the CP named its schools after

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American patriots in order to attract more students. The Workers School became the Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS).

The JSSS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

DESCRIPTION

MAURICE MALKIN, during his interview in 1941, as set out above, gave the following description of the subject:

Name	LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Height	6'1"
Weight	190-200
Complexion	Very dark

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Used to document Lenin School

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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The confidential source abroad mentioned in this report was used to document the Lenin School (as set out in SAC letter #60, Series 1951). ~~(C)~~

REFERENCE: Bureau letter 7/15/55.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-4960)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-124243)

SUBJECT: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN  
SM-C

DATE: 10/25/55

Rebulet 7/15/55.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and four copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated as above, at NY.

Enclosures for Chicago are as follows:

1. Three copies of above mentioned report.
2. Two photos of the subject.
3. Two photos of an individual believed to be subject as is set out below.
4. One letter from WFO dated 6/28/55.
5. One letter from WFO dated 6/3/55.
6. Two memoranda of Division of Eastern European Affairs, Department of State, dated 6/6/27 and 6/13/27.

The info in the above mentioned memoranda and the info in the letters from WFO dated 6/3/55 and 6/28/55 has not been incorporated in the enclosed NY report since the Chicago Office undoubtedly is already in possession of most of this info.

It is requested that WFO submit the results of their lead, set out in NY letter to WFO 9/27/55, to Chicago who is now OO.

NY file 54-144-4090 contains a serial blockstamped 8/29/42, which contains the following info:

① FORT-WHITEMAN LOVETT

"Located at 23 South Lincoln St., Chicago, Illinois.

General organizer for the American Negro Labor Congress, which he represented as Delegate in Russia in 1927

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2 - WASHINGTON FIELD (100-31945)(RM)

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"Field organizer, International Labor Defense, Negro section.

"Member American Workers Communist Party.

"Is one of the most trusted Negro Communists in America."

Also contained on this serial was a handwritten notation as follows:

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"Source, [REDACTED]  
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A photograph is also attached to this serial indicating that it is a photo of the subject.

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It is not known whether or not the [REDACTED] indicated above as the source of this info is the FBI source or whether this is the source of the unknown contributor of this info. Also the date and place received is not known.

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SAC, Chicago (100-30720)

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November 9, 1955

Director, FBI (61-4960)

LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Data from the Congressional hearings mentioned in your letter are available to the public. It is not necessary to conceal their source.

The following information is set forth in the report of Special Agent Max F. Burger dated 3-7-25 at Chicago captioned "Workers' (Communist) Party of America":

"It is further reported that Lovett Fort Whiteman, the negro communist of Chicago who spent considerable time in Russia and other places, has returned to Chicago. The time of arrival was said to be February 23..... Whiteman, while in Russia, used the name Jas. Jackson."

The Washington Field Office should review State Department records in an effort to locate a passport for the subject under his alias Jas. (James) Jackson.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-4960)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-124243)

SUBJECT: LOVETT PORT-WHITEMAN  
IS-R  
(OO: CHICAGO)

DATE: 11/23/55

Re WFO letter to Bureau 10/27/55, requesting NYO to supply Chicago with pertinent information which NYO received from WFO.

This is to advise that all pertinent information in NYO including that submitted by WFO has been sent to Chicago.

No further investigation will be conducted by NYO unless a request is made.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-4960)  
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-30920) *FD 217 to CB 4-29-55 per*

DATE: November 25, 1955

SUBJECT: LOVETT FORT - WHITEMAN  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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 Rebuttal dated November 3, 1955 and Chicago letter to Director dated October 21, 1955.

This is to advise that the date 1950 set forth in paragraph one, page two, of referenced Chicago letter is incorrect and should be listed as 1930.

The agent who dictated this letter was on annual leave at the time the letter was proofread and, therefore, this error was overlooked.

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*Correction made**RB 12/6/55*

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-4960)

DATE: 12/29/55

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-31945)

SUBJECT: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
(OO:CHICAGO)

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advised SA [redacted] Passport Office, State Department,  
[redacted] on 12/20/55 that the Passport  
Office has no record identifiable to JAMES JACKSON mentioned  
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# Office Memorandum ~~SECRET~~ UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (61-4960)

FROM : Legal Attache, London 100-1177

SUBJECT: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN ~~SECRET~~  
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DATE: December 23, 1955

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (61-4960)

DATE: January 23, 1956

FROM : SAC, Chicago

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SUBJECT: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, Wa.,  
Jas. (James) Jackson  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Re report of SA [redacted] dated  
10/25/55, at New York.

The title of this case is being changed to  
reflect an additional alias, JAS. (JAMES) JACKSON,  
which is utilized by the subject.

(u) [redacted] It is requested that New York informant  
[redacted] be contacted to ascertain whether he has  
any information concerning the subject's whereabouts.

It is to be noted that the subject, an  
American Negro, reportedly has spent time in Russia  
in 1924, returned to the U.S. around 1924 or 1925,  
and set up a Professional Committee for organizing  
the American Negro Labor Congress, Chicago, Illinois,  
with himself as President. The subject reportedly  
returned to Russia in approximately 1927 and in  
1932 was reported to be teaching school in Russia. The  
subject has been reported as having traveled extensively  
as a Field Organizer in the Comintern among Negroes  
in various countries.

He has also been reported as being a Field  
Organizer for the International Labor Defense, Negro  
Section, and also one of the most trusted Negro Communists  
in America.

It is to be noted that there is no information  
as to whether the subject has ever returned from  
Russia after 1932; however, the Bureau is presently  
desirous of determining that fact. The subject is  
described as follows:

Sex	Male	RECORDED-27
Race	Negro	INDEXED-27
Date of Birth	12/3/89	
Place of Birth	Dallas, Texas	
Residence	112 Prairie Avenue Chicago, Illinois (1924) 23 South Lincoln Street Chicago, Illinois	

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Re: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, Wa.,  
Jas. (James) Jackson  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Height	5'9" to 6'
Weight	190 to 200 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Very Dark
Marital Status	Unknown
Occupation	Writer-Field Organizer, International Labor Defense, CP
Scars and Marks	Slight scar under lefteye.

Three photographs of the subject are attached thereto as enclosures.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., reflected that passport Number 3148 was issued on 6/2/24, to the subject. The affidavit of identity witnesses for the above passport application was signed by one RICHARD B. MOORE, 211 West 140th Street (city not shown), who knew the subject for ten years.

It is to be noted that one RICHARD B. MOORE was associated with the subject in the development of the American Negro Labor Congress in the U.S.

It is requested that New York ascertain and forward to Chicago all information available to RICHARD B. MOORE.

Enclosure (3)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-4960)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-124243)  
SUBJECT: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, wa.  
Jas (James) Jackson  
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DATE: 2/13/56

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Re Chicago letter to Bureau and NY dated 1/13/56.

(U) [redacted] advised on 2/2/56, that he is not acquainted with the captioned subject, and that he has no information regarding WHITEMAN's whereabouts.

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Enclosed herewith are copies of the following NY reports in the case entitled "RICHARD BENJAMIN MOORE", containing background information concerning RICHARD B. MOORE:

Report of SA M. E. TORRENS, 5/28/42, NY  
Report of SA [redacted] 12/26/44, NY  
Report of SA GERARD B. TRACY, 7/19/46, NY  
Report of SA [redacted] 2/20/50, NY

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Recent contact of informants in the NY area failed to reflect any present CP activity on the part of RICHARD B. MOORE. He was last known to be active on 8/26/54, when he spoke at a dinner in honor of WILLIAM PATTERSON and at a mass meeting protesting a proposed bill to outlaw the CP.

A summary report in the RICHARD B. MOORE case presently is being prepared by the NYO. A copy thereof will be designated for the Chicago Office, and should be received by Chicago within the immediate future.

In accordance with the Security Informant Program, the NYO will request Bureau authority to interview RICHARD B. MOORE after submission of a summary report. If the Chicago Office desires that MOORE be questioned concerning WHITEMAN regarding specific matters, it is suggested that NY be advised to that effect. -RUC-

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-4960)  
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-30920)  
 SUBJECT: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN,  
 wa. Jas. (James) Jackson  
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DATE: March 14, 1956

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FOI PA # 232576  
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Re report of SA [redacted] dated  
 October 25, 1955, at New York, and Chicago letter to  
 the Director dated January 13, 1956.

The following investigation to ascertain  
 subject's whereabouts has been conducted by the Chicago  
 Division:

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[redacted]  
 [redacted] furnished the following infor-  
 mation which was contained in a miscellaneous New York  
 serial, 54-144-4090, block stamped August, 1942:

Subject was located at 23 South Lincoln Street,  
 Chicago, Illinois, and was General Organizer for the  
 American Negro Congress which he represented as a delegate  
 in Russia in 1927. This serial contained the additional  
 information that the subject was Field Organizer for  
 the International Labor Defense (ILD), Negro Section,  
 and was one of the most trusted Negro Communists in  
 America, being a member of the American Worker, Communist  
 Party.

The aforementioned New York serial does not  
 reflect at what time subject was located at 23 South  
 Lincoln Street, nor does it contain the name of the  
 agent to whom this information was furnished.

Files of the Passport Office, Department of  
 State, Washington, D. C., were reviewed on May 25, 1955,  
 by SA [redacted] and subject's passport file con-  
 tained a memo to the file dated June 29, 1927, stating  
 that an article written by M. JAY RACUSIN appeared in  
 the "New York Herald" on June 29, 1927, which asserted

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that the Moscow Government was educating Negroes in Moscow for propaganda work along radical lines in the United States. The article alleged, according to the memo, that the American Negro Labor Congress was a clearing house for this propaganda and that the "Negro Champion," their publication, served as its mouthpiece. The article alleged groups of Negroes had already been given extensive instructions in a special college in Moscow called the University of Far Eastern People.

The memo continued that the leaders of the scheme in the United States were shown in the article as RICHARD B. MOORE and LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN. The memo continued that this article listed the headquarters of the American Negro Labor Congress as 19 South Lincoln Street, Chicago, Illinois.

A search of the Leonard's Pocket Guide for Chicago was caused to be made and no reference to a Lincoln Street was located in Chicago, Illinois.

A search of the records of the Bureau of Maps, City of Chicago, was made by SA [REDACTED] on February 9, 1956, and it was ascertained that South Lincoln Street is presently known as South Wolcott Street, Chicago, Illinois, in line with the realignment of streets in Chicago, Illinois.

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Investigation was caused to be made by SA [REDACTED] on February 14, 1956, and it was ascertained that there is no such address as 23 South Wolcott Street.

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[REDACTED] Blue Star Cleaners, 21 South Wolcott Street, Chicago, Illinois, stated that no building had ever been erected at 23 South Wolcott Street and it has always been a vacant lot. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that she has been acquainted with the neighborhood in the vicinity of South Wolcott for the past twenty years. She further declared that with the exception of herself, the residents in the vicinity are largely of a transient nature. She added that no individuals who reside in the immediate vicinity lived there twenty years ago. She concluded by stating she had never heard of either the subject or the American Negro Labor Congress.

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Re: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN

[redacted] tenant, 19 South Wolcott Street, advised SA [redacted] on February 10, 1956, that he has only resided at this address since 1953 and could not suggest any individuals who had resided there during the 1920's.

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The following individuals were interviewed by SA [redacted] on February 14, 1956, but could furnish no information concerning either the subject or the American Negro Labor Congress:

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Residences

4112 South Prairie Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, were reviewed on May 25, 1955, by SA [redacted] and these records revealed that in 1924 the subject resided at 4112 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and was employed as a writer. The subject was issued passport number 3148 on June 2, 1954.

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Mrs. CATHERINE J. OGLESBY, owner, 4112 South Prairie Avenue, advised SA [redacted] on February 8, 1956, that she recalled the subject since he had informed her, during 1924, that he was sailing for the USSR via New Orleans, Louisiana, within a few weeks. She also stated that the subject had resided as a tenant in her home for approximately four weeks during 1924.

Mrs. OGLESBY declared that she recalled that the subject resided at her residence with his wife whose name she did not remember. She declared she could furnish no information as to the description of the wife of the subject. She recalled that she met the

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subject's wife several years later at a dance in approximately 1928 and the subject's wife had informed her that her husband was still abroad and that she intended to divorce him. Mrs. OGLESBY stated that FORT-WHITEMAN had had several visitors while in residence at her home and she believed that they spoke Russian. Mrs. OGLESBY concluded that she has not seen the subject since 1924.

4727 South Prairie Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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[redacted] Security Unit, Chicago Police Department, made available the file on December 21, 1955, which contained a card dated 1930 and this card indicated the following information:

LOVETT FORT WHITEMAN, 4727 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, "Party member" Communist

The source of this information was unknown.

Mrs. DOROTHY LANG, 4729 South Prairie Avenue, advised SA [redacted] on February 8, 1956, that she had been manager of this building for the past five years and none of the tenants in this building have been at this address for over five years. Mrs. LANG additionally said that the owner of the building prior to 1936 was her cousin, Mrs. EDNA B. MITCHELL. According to Mrs. LANG, her cousin, Mrs. MITCHELL, is now deceased.

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[redacted] tenant, 4727 South Prairie, advised SA [redacted] on February 8, 1956, that he has resided at this address for the past five years and did not know the subject. He further added that he could not suggest any individuals who reside in the immediate vicinity who have lived there for over five years inasmuch as the neighborhood is largely of a transient nature.

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Re: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN

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SE [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc., on December 20, 1955, and no credit rating was located for the subject.

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Police officer [REDACTED] advised SE [REDACTED] on December 21, 1955, that no record identifiable with the subject under his true name or alias was contained in the files of the Chicago Police Department.

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[REDACTED] (whose name should be kept confidential), advised SE [REDACTED] on December 22, 1955, that his organization's files contained a card dated 1930 for the subject marked "'Party member' Communist." Subject's address was listed as 4727 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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An identification record request (FD-9) dated January 30, 1956, was forwarded to the Bureau and it was ascertained that the subject had a record under FBI #222838. The record indicated that the Police Department of St. Louis, Missouri, contributed fingerprints for LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, No. 15661, on December 10, 1919, and the charge was that he was a member of IWW. There was no disposition of this case.

The Civil Service Commission contributed fingerprints for LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, No. 82622, and it was indicated that the prints were received July 27, 1929. There was no charge or disposition for this case.

A search of the records of the Register of Voters, City Hall, Chicago, Illinois, was made by SA [REDACTED] on February 2, 1956, and it was ascertained that both 4112 South Prairie Avenue and 4727 South Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, were located in Precinct 46, Ward 3.

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It is to be noted that the wards and precincts of Chicago, Illinois, were realigned several years ago and at the time that the subject had resided at the aforementioned addresses they were not located in Precinct 46 of Ward 3.

The Librarian in the Municipal Reference Library, City Hall, stated that there was no way to ascertain either the precinct or ward in which the subject's residences were formerly located.

A search of the Chicago and suburban telephone directories for the period 1926-31 inclusive were made by SA SAMPLES on February 21, 1956, and no reference to the subject was located.

It is to be noted that no telephone directories prior to 1926 were available in the Municipal Reference

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RE: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN

Library, City Hall, Chicago.

A search of the current Chicago and suburban telephone directories was made by SA [redacted] on February 21, 1956 and no reference to the subject was located.

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[redacted] Passport Office, State Department, advised SA [redacted] on December 20, 1955 that the Passport Office has no record identifiable with JAMES JACKSON.

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It is to be noted that the Washington Field Office was requested by the Bureau in a letter dated November 9, 1955 to locate a passport for the subject under his alias, JAS. (JAMES) JACKSON.

A review of the subject's passport file, Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., was made on May 25, 1955 by SA [redacted] and the Affidavit of Identifying Witnesses for the passport application was signed by Dr. MATTHEW J. YEIZER, Physician, 4300 South State Street Chicago (city not shown), who knew the subject for twenty years, and by RICHARD B. MOORE, 211 West 140th Street (city not shown), who knew the subject for ten years. YEIZER's name was contained in the file of a passport issued to the subject on June 2, 1924, and MOORE's name was noted in a passport application prepared by the subject on May 16, 1927.

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on February 15, 1956 that he had never heard of Dr. MATTHEW H. YEIZER. Mr. [redacted] further added that he had never heard of any such address as 4300 South State Street.

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Actual investigation in the vicinity of the 4300 block of South State Street reflected that a vacant lot occupied this address.

[redacted] Security Unit, Chicago Police Department (whose identity should be kept confidential), advised SE [redacted] on December 20, 1955 that the name of M. H. YEIZER, who resides at 3564 Vernon Avenue,

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RE: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN

Chicago, Illinois, was found on a list taken from the offices of the Independent Socialist League at 333 North Avenue. The nature of this list was unknown.

Mrs. CARRIE CHISHOLM, owner, 3562 South Vernon Avenue, stated that she has resided at this address for the past 47 years and declared that Dr. MATTHEW H. YEIZER had died either in 1953 or 1954. She further added that all of his relatives had moved away and their present whereabouts are unknown.

New York letter dated February 13, 1956 reflected that a summary report in the RICHARD B. MOORE case is presently being prepared by the New York Office and an interview of MOORE is contemplated.

It is to be noted that RICHARD BENJAMIN MOORE, with Alias RICHARD B. MOORE, is the subject of New York File 100-25426.

(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 2, 1956 that he is not acquainted with the subject and has no information regarding FORT-WHITEMAN's whereabouts. b7D

(U) [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOHN E. KEATING on February 6, 1956 that he had heard in the early 1930s that LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN had had some trouble with the Communist Party and was expelled. [redacted] also declared that he has not heard anything about this individual, nor has he seen him since the early 1930s. (U) b7D

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA [redacted] on January 10, 1956 that the photograph of FORT-WHITEMAN which was taken in May, 1927 bears a close resemblance to an individual the informant remembers having appeared on the platform as a speaker at a mass meeting of the International Labor Defense approximately one year before the International Labor Defense disbanded in Chicago. Informant stated he could furnish no further information. b6 b7C

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RE: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN

(u) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, was shown a photograph of the subject on January 23, 1956 by SA [redacted] and he stated that he was not acquainted with the subject, nor did he possess any information concerning him.

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The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, were reviewed by SA [redacted] on May 25, 1955 and the following relatives of the subject were contained in his passport file:

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Sister: HAZEL K. WHITEMAN, music teacher,  
5017 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Father: MOSES WHITEMAN, deceased as of  
August 8, 1903

Mrs. NINA THORNE, owner, 5017 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] on February 16, 1956 that LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN had visited his sister, HAZEL, at this address in approximately 1929 or 1930 to the best of her recollection. Mrs. THORNE then stated that she had not seen the subject since that time but HAZEL WHITEMAN had advised her shortly afterwards that her brother was in the USSR around 1930 or 1931.

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Mrs. THORNE also stated that HAZEL WHITEMAN, according to information she had heard from an unrecalled source, was in the USSR around 1932 or 1933. Mrs. THORNE advised that she has neither heard of nor seen the subject or his sister, HAZEL, since that time. She also advised that none of the present tenants in the building would know the subject since they had only resided there for a brief period of time.

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RE: ~~LOVETT~~ FORT-WHITEMAN

A review of the Chicago indices failed to reflect any more current information concerning either the present whereabouts or prior residences of the subject.

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New York Office is requested to specifically inquire as to the whereabouts of LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN during any interview of RICHARD B. MOORE it may conduct and furnish Chicago the results under FORT-WHITEMAN's caption.

The Chicago Office will continue its efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of the subject. The Chicago Office will prepare a report on the subject's background and activities.

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cc - Shroder

SAC, Chicago (100-30920) (orig and 1)

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LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, wa.  
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Re RUC report of SA [redacted]  
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Prior to closing this case, it is  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-4960)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-30920)

SUBJECT: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, wa.  
Jas. (James) Jackson  
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DATE: May 31, 1956

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DATE 4/8/83 BY SPICER/fll

Re Chicago letter to Director dated March 14, 1956, captioned as above, concerning efforts to ascertain the subject's present whereabouts.

Re New York letter to Director dated April 30, 1956, captioned, "RICHARD BENJAMIN MOORE, SM - C."

MOORE was interviewed on April 23, 1956, and he stated he has neither seen nor heard of LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN in over twenty years and had no knowledge of his present whereabouts.

Re Washington Field Office letter to New York dated June 3, 1955, captioned, "LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, SM - C."

SA [ ] reviewed the files of the Passport Office, Department of State on May 25, 1955, and the subject's file contained a note to the file dated June 29, 1927, which reflected that EDWARD L. DOTY, Chicago, Illinois, was associated with the subject in the American Negro Labor Congress, 19 South Lincoln Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. EDWARD L. DOTY, 623 East Bowen, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by SA JOHN F. SAMPLES, Jr., on May 9, 1956, and he stated that he had been associated with the subject in the American Negro Labor Congress during the 1920's in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. DOTY declared that in approximately 1930 FORT-WHITEMAN had returned to Moscow, Russia. Mr. DOTY declared that he was certain that the subject was still in Russia since he had heard from "reliable"

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Re: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN,  
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sources, which he did not wish to reveal, that in approximately 1939 or 1940 FORT-WHITEMAN was either imprisoned or sent to a detention labor camp in Siberia by the Soviet authorities since he was involved with a Japanese group.

Mr. DOTY declared that the subject had been charged with "deviationism."

Mr. DOTY additionally declared that he would have received some information from his sources if the subject had returned to the United States.

The Chicago Office is placing this case in a closed status inasmuch as all logical investigation in this matter has been conducted and the subject is allegedly in the USSR.

It is suggested that the Bureau consider the possibility of referring this matter to the Central Intelligence Agency since the subject is allegedly in Russia.

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(12-14-54)

TO : Director, FBI (File 61-4960 ) DATE: 8/16/56  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (File 100-30920 )  
SUBJECT: LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN  
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This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 8/17/56

Reason for the delinquency:

Date the report or necessary communication  
will reach the Bureau: IN DICTATION

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 8/22/56	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/25-27, 30; 8/1/56
TITLE OF CASE LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, Wa. James Jackson LOVETT F WHITEMAN		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY b6 mkr b7c
CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.			

SYNOPSIS:

FORT-WHITEMAN, an American Negro, born 12/3/89 in Texas, a journalist and former student at a university in New York, (U) reportedly attended 5th World Congress of Communist Internationale (Comintern), Moscow, 1924, and thereafter, in 1925 in Chicago, on instructions from the Comintern, organized the American Negro Labor Congress and sent young Negro students to Russia to receive training as Communist propagandists. FORT-WHITEMAN disappeared from Chicago in spring, 1927; reportedly active in Workers (Communist) Party of America in NYC in 1928 and also attended 6th World Congress of Communist Internationale, Moscow, in 1928; in 1932 FORT-WHITEMAN reportedly had been teaching at an American boys school in Moscow for past five years. No information received concerning whereabouts FORT-WHITEMAN thereafter, other than hearsay information received in 1940 by EDWARD L. DOTY, who was associated with WHITEMAN in ANLC, to effect WHITEMAN had been either killed in Russia or sent to Siberia. WHITEMAN's wife and sister also disappeared from Chicago and reportedly went to Russia. Chicago informants not aware of WHITEMAN's whereabouts.

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DETAILS:

Information has been received from various sources concerning the reported whereabouts and activity of LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN during the 1920's and to some extent during the 1930's. In order to clarify the information already available and to report the results of more recent investigation conducted in an effort to establish the present whereabouts of FORT-WHITEMAN, the following information is being set forth chronologically:

REPORTED WHEREABOUTS AND  
ACTIVITY DURING 1920's

Prior to 1924

According to an article in the January 17, 1926 issue of the "New York Times" entitled "Communists Boring into Negro Labor" LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, then head of the American Negro Labor Congress (ANLC), prior to going to Russia in 1924, was a journalist for Negro newspapers in New York and Chicago for several years. The article attributed WHITEMAN as having said he formerly attended City College of New York but was dismissed because he was "too radical."

June, 1924 - February, 1925

Records of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., reviewed on May 25, 1955 by SA [ ] reflected that on June 2, 1924 passport number 3148 was issued to LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, born December 3, 1889, Dallas, Texas, then residing 4112 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, for six months travel to European countries "for study and travel."

Records of the Passport Office contained memoranda received June 21, 1927 from the Division of Eastern European Affairs, Department of State, indicating that while in Russia from June, 1924 to February, 1925 FORT-WHITEMAN attended the 5th World Congress of Communist Internationale (Comintern) held in Moscow June 17 to July 8, 1924, where he received (S)u

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instructions to organize American Negroes into an American Negro Labor Congress for propaganda purposes. (S) (u)  
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The American Negro Labor Congress was cited as a predecessor of the National Negro Congress by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in its report dated January 3, 1939, page 81.

The National Negro Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

(U) Evidence that WHITEMAN was sent to the 5th World Congress of the Communist Internationale by the Workers (Communist) Party of America, the name of the Communist Party at that time, which has since been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450, was contained in a "Report of the Central Executive Committee on Past Activities," submitted to the 4th National Convention of the Party held in August, 1925. This report under a sub-heading "Negro Worker" indicates that "a Negro Comrade (WHITEMAN) was sent to the 5th Congress after the Central Executive Committee authorized him to stay for training." (S) (u)  
*declassified per State Dept letter dated 11/28/83*

Evidence that WHITEMAN received instructions at the 5th World Congress of the Communist Internationale to organize American Negroes was contained in the March 3, 1925 issue of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast daily Communist newspaper, in an article entitled "Negro Writer, Back from Soviet Union, Says Revolution Solves Race Problems; People Happy," in which WHITEMAN is quoted as saying that the Negro racial problem in America is solely a product of the Capitalist system, which would vanish with Capitalism through a working class revolution. WHITEMAN said a visit to Russia had proved it and that the Negro problem of America will persist until met by a working class revolution.

Also, while in Russia, according to the above mentioned "Daily Worker" article, WHITEMAN reportedly travelled extensively throughout all of Russia and into Turkestan, and he received honors from Red Army units and Soviet officials.

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February, 1925 - June, 1927

According to the Division of Eastern European Affairs memoranda, mentioned above, WHITEMAN immediately began taking steps to organize the ANLC, which took formation at the first convention of the ANLC held in Chicago for several days following October 25, 1925. Officially, WHITEMAN was the National Organizer and later General Secretary-Treasurer. WHITEMAN headed the Provisional Organizational Committee of the Congress and travelled extensively throughout the United States arousing interest in the Congress and forming local committees or councils of the Congress. (S) *Declassified per State Dept letter dated 11/28/83*

Investigation conducted by SA MAX F. BURGER of the Chicago Office in March, 1925 disclosed, "that LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, the negro communist of Chicago who spent considerable time in Russia and other places, has returned to Chicago. The time of arrival was said to be February 23, . . . . WHITEMAN, while in Russia, used the name JAMES JACKSON."

On February 26, 1925, WHITEMAN reportedly attended a reception in his honor given by the Workers (Communist) Party of America at 460 Bowen Avenue, Chicago. On this occasion, WHITEMAN reportedly stated he had been directed by the Comintern of the USSR to call a meeting of the ANLC and had been empowered by the Comintern to select individuals to be sent to Russia to receive training as Communist propagandists. *corrected 8-5-84*

At a meeting of Negro Communists on March 2, 1925 at 3638 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, WHITEMAN reportedly stated at this meeting he had been directed by the Comintern to employ two Negro organizers to get a Negro student group ready immediately for training in Russia as Communist propagandists. (S) *Declassified per State Dept. letter 11/28/83*

Official recognition that the CP was using the ANLC for Party purposes was contained in the aforementioned "Report of the Central Executive Committee on Past Activities" as follows:

"In accordance with instructions of the Communist Internationale, most of our work has been carried on in connection with the American Negro Labor Congress." Further, in a resolution "The American Negro and the Proletarian Revolution" adopted at the 4th National Convention of the

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Workers (Communist) Party held in August, 1925, the plans of American Communists for the coming ANLC were quoted as follows:

"Our work among the Negroes centers now around the ANLC announced for Chicago, October, 1925. Our Party recognizes and supports this Congress as a genuine expression of Negro workers and farmers of the United States." Detailed information followed concerning the composition of the Congress.

WHITEMAN is also quoted in the August 27, 1925 issue of "Internationale Press Correspondence," then an official Party organ, as stating:

"The fundamental aim in calling the ANLC is to establish in the life of the American Negro working class an organization which may serve as a medium through which the American Communist Party may reach and influence the Negro working class, and at the same time may constitute forming of a recruiting ground for the Party."

During and following the first convention of the ANLC in Chicago, the "Daily Worker" reportedly devoted considerable space to proceedings of the convention; however, only approximately 40 delegates reportedly attended the ANLC instead of the anticipated 500. The official organ of the ANLC during this period was "The Negro Champion" edited by LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN; the first issue appeared in July, 1925. (S) (u)

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In 1925, according to the aforementioned memoranda of the Division of Eastern European Affairs, WHITEMAN also played a prominent role in organizing a group of young Negro Communists to receive training in Russia, beginning in July, 1925, as Communist propagandists and then returned to this country. (S) (u) *Declassified per State Dept letter dated 11/28/83*

WHITEMAN announced at the ANLC in October, 1925 that seven American Negro men and three Negro girls were then in Russian schools undergoing training for the Russian "diplomatic service," according to an Associated Press Dispatch from Chicago dated October 28, 1925, appearing in the October 29, 1925 issue of the New York Herald Tribune. WHITEMAN was also quoted as saying additional youths may be sent to Russian schools. (S) (u) *Declassified per State Dept letter dated 11/28/83*

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According to an article in the June 29, 1927 issue of the above mentioned newspaper, written by M. JAY RACUSIN, from 50 to 100 young Negro students had been sent to Russia, in groups of ten, for instruction in a speech college in Moscow called the University of Far Eastern Peoples, since WHITEMAN had started this school in 1925.

According to this article, passports, fares and expenses of the students were provided by WHITEMAN who reportedly wrote a letter from his Chicago address, 4727 South Prairie, to a prospective student in New York, asserting that he never permitted "legality" to stand in his way, where "policy demands," and that birth certificates and such details were nonsense; WHITEMAN claims he was always able to get passports in Chicago on a few hours notice.

In an effort to develop information concerning the present whereabouts of WHITEMAN, individuals who were acquainted with WHITEMAN in the ANLC and at his place of residence in the Chicago area from 1924 to 1927 were interviewed as follows:

The article by M. JAY RACUSIN in the June 29, 1927 issue of the New York Herald Tribune indicated that one "EDWARD L. DOTY, Organizer of Negro Plumbers, Chicago" was one of the members of the Provisional Committee set up for organizing the ANLC.

American Negro Labor Congress in 1927  
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EDWARD L. DOTY, 623 East Bowen, Chicago, currently employed as a plumber by the Chicago Housing Authority, furnished the following information to SA J. ROBERT OLIVER on July 27, 1956.

DOTY met LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN in early 1925 when WHITEMAN first came to Chicago to organize the ANLC. For the next two years, until WHITEMAN's sudden disappearance in early 1927, DOTY assisted WHITEMAN by organizing Negro plumbers into the ANLC. There were other local organizers also assisting WHITEMAN, all of whom DOTY believes are now deceased, with one or two exceptions whose whereabouts are unknown to DOTY. One of these, NORVAL H. ALLEN, was seen by DOTY on several occasions taking collections to pay off rent and generally assisted in the office of the ANLC. in 1925-27 ALLEN no longer resides in Chicago and reportedly is employed somewhere in Missouri as a salesman; DOTY last saw ALLEN three years ago.

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It is noted that according to the RACUSIN article in the New York Herald Tribune that NORVAL H. ALLEN, 3151 Giles Avenue, Chicago, was one of the young Negroes sent to Russia for training in 1925.

The first headquarters of the ANLC, to DOTY's knowledge, consisted of two rented rooms used for office space on the second floor of a rather large office building, corner 35th and Indiana Avenue, Chicago; entrance to the building was at about 3456 South Indiana. Ownership of this building has since changed hands several times, according to information received by DOTY. DOTY could suggest no one in this area who might recall WHITEMAN. The headquarters of the ANLC were at this address from approximately early 1925 to mid 1926.

The last headquarters of the ANLC consisted of similarly rented office space, second floor, southwest corner of 35th and Michigan Avenue, from about mid 1926 until the ANLC disbanded in the spring of 1927. Likewise, DOTY could suggest no one in this area who might recall WHITEMAN.

It is noted in the above mentioned article in the New York Herald Tribune that RACUSIN states a letterhead of the ANLC gives 19 South Lincoln Street, city not stated, as the address of the ANLC. It is also noted the New York Office received information in about 1942 from one [redacted]

[redacted] to the effect that LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, General Organizer of the ANLC and a member of the Workers (Communist) Party of America during the 1920's, was at one time located at 23 South Lincoln Street, Chicago.

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On February 19, 1956, SA [redacted] ascertained from the Bureau of Maps, Chicago, that South Lincoln is now known as South Wolcott.

Inquiry by SA [redacted] on February 14, 1956 of Mrs. VELMA RONDALL, owner, Blue Star Cleaners, 21 South Wolcott, disclosed that 19 South Lincoln has always been a vacant lot and that during her 20 years residence in this neighborhood she had never heard of WHITEMAN or the ANLC.

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Other tenants in this area contacted by SA [redacted] likewise furnished no information regarding WHITEMAN or the ANLC.

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It is noted that according to information received by the Chicago Office in March, 1925, source unknown, the address 21 South Lincoln Street, Chicago, in March, 1925 was the new location of the Chicago Local of the Workers (Communist) Party of America which had recently moved to this address from 166 West Washington Street, Chicago.

EDWARD L. DOTY, mentioned above, said that to his knowledge headquarters of the ANLC were never located on South Lincoln Street, Chicago.

According to DOTY, WHITEMAN was well qualified as National Organizer of the ANLC; he created the impression of being well educated and well informed; he was fiery, had the ability to speak well and to arouse interest in the ANLC; he was aggressive, militant, and appeared genuinely interested in seeing that something was done to overcome various problems and barriers faced by Negroes at that time. WHITEMAN convinced DOTY and others of the value of organizing Negroes into the ANLC, which was the first such attempt at organization of the Negroes in the Chicago area. According to DOTY, unions heretofore had excluded Negroes from membership.

DOTY recalls the first convention of the ANLC was held in a hall on 31st and South Calumet, Chicago. In addition to WHITEMAN, several other organizers from New York City were present, including one RICHARD B. MOORE, then Secretary of the New York Council of the ANLC, and one (FNU) TITUS.

It is noted that on April 23, 1956 MOORE was interviewed by Special Agents of the New York Office and admitted past CP membership but would not disclose the identity of former CP associates as it was against his code of ethics to do so.

According to DOTY, WHITEMAN, while in Chicago, was frequently seen in the company of a Negro girl named OLIVIA ~~Whiteman~~ who WHITEMAN claimed was his wife. She was usually present at meetings where WHITEMAN spoke and generally endeavored to assist in arousing interest in the ANLC. She disappeared from Chicago at the same time as WHITEMAN. With the departure from Chicago of WHITEMAN, the ANLC collapsed, according to DOTY.

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DOTY pointed out that he never had occasion to visit WHITEMAN in his home, which was then located somewhere south of DOTY's present residence (possibly 4727 South Prairie) and never associated with WHITEMAN socially. WHITEMAN remained rather aloof and did not speak of his background or past experiences. DOTY doubts that WHITEMAN corresponded or kept in touch with anyone in Chicago after he suddenly disappeared. DOTY declared that WHITEMAN at no time during the period of their association in the ANLC indicated to him that he was a Communist or that the CP was supporting the ANLC. DOTY said he now realizes that WHITEMAN was probably a Communist but that at the time there was such a definite need for organization of the Negroes that he did not then consider whether or not WHITEMAN was a Communist.

Records of the Passport Office also indicate that in 1924 WHITEMAN, a journalist, was residing at 4112 Prairie Avenue, Chicago.

Mrs. CATHERINE J. OGLESBY, owner of the building, 4112 South Prairie Avenue, Chicago, advised SA [ ] on February 8, 1956 that LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN resided at this address for about four weeks in 1924 and told her he was then leaving for the USSR via New Orleans. Mrs. OGLESBY believes WHITEMAN had several visitors in his apartment who spoke Russian. She has not seen him since. WHITEMAN's wife's name, not recalled, also lived at this address.

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Several years later, in about 1928 at a dance, Mrs. OGLESBY met this girl who said her husband was still abroad and that she planned on divorcing him.

At 4727 South Prairie Avenue, Chicago, given by WHITEMAN as a home address in a letter dated August 13, 1925 to a prospective student in New York for training in Russia as mentioned above, SA [ ] on February 8, 1956 made inquiry of Mrs. HENRY CHAMBERS, tenant, and Mrs. DOROTHY LANG, tenant, 4729 South Prairie. These individuals were unable to provide any information concerning WHITEMAN.

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Efforts were also made by SA [ ] on February 15, 1956 to locate Dr. MATTHEW J. YEIZER, 4300 South State Street, Chicago, identifying witness for WHITEMAN on his passport issued June 2, 1924. It was determined the address 4300 South State Street is a vacant lot.

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Mrs. CARRIE CHISHORM, 3562 South Vernon, Chicago, said Dr. MATTHEW J. YEIZER died in 1953 or 1954.

Efforts were also made by SA SAMPLES on February 16, 1956 to locate "HAZEL WHITEMAN, music teacher, 5017 Indiana Avenue, Chicago," who, according to passport records, is a sister of WHITEMAN. *in late 1920's*

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Mrs. NINA THORNE, owner, 5017 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago, advised that she recalls WHITEMAN had once visited his sister at this address sometime during the late 1920's and that one or two years later HAZEL WHITEMAN mentioned her brother was then in the USSR. HAZEL WHITEMAN later left this address and Mrs. THORNE heard from an unrecalled source in about 1932 or 1933 that HAZEL was then also in the USSR. Mrs. THORNE has not seen WHITEMAN or his sister since.

June, 1927 - 1930

EDWARD L. DOTY, Organizer of Negro plumbers into the ANLC, also reported that about one year or so after WHITEMAN and his wife disappeared from Chicago, in about the spring or early summer, 1927, he and others associated with WHITEMAN in the ANLC, heard from sources not recalled that WHITEMAN and his wife had returned to Russia. A number of years later, in about 1939 or 1940, DOTY heard through a Mrs. MARIE HOUSTON, then a resident of Waukegan, Illinois, and who formerly attended meetings of the ANLC, that WHITEMAN had become involved in some matter with a Japanese group and was either executed or sent to a detention camp in Siberia by the Soviets. As DOTY recalled, Mrs. HOUSTON had only hearsay information; Mrs. HOUSTON was elderly in 1940 and DOTY does not believe she is still living. DOTY feels reasonably certain he would have received information through his sources if WHITEMAN had ever returned to the United States.

It is noted that the June 14, 1932 edition of the New York Herald Tribune, page 16, mentions that LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, an American Negro, had gone to Russia five years previously and was in 1932 teaching mathematics and chemistry in the New Little Red School for sons of American engineers in Moscow.

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Records of the Passport Office also contain a passport application dated May 16, 1927 executed by LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, 221 West 123rd Street, New York City, for proposed eight months travel abroad, departing from New York June 16, 1927 aboard the Monterey. Identifying witness for WHITEMAN was RICHARD B. MOORE, 211 West 140th Street, apparently New York City.

WHITEMAN's passport application was denied on the basis of WHITEMAN's prior travel to Russia and leadership activities in the ANLC. WHITEMAN apparently was still in the United States in 1928 according to 1928 issues of the "Daily Worker."

The May 11, 1928 issue of this newspaper, page 4, contains the name LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN as a speaker at the National Nominating Convention, Workers (Communist) Party of America. The October 11, 1928 issue, page 3, of this newspaper, indicates WHITEMAN was a candidate for Comptroller, CP, New York State. Also, a letterhead of the International Labor Defense, 80 East 11th Street, New York, lists LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN as a member of the National Committee of the International Labor Defense, which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. However, apparently WHITEMAN was in Moscow during the 6th World Congress of the Communist Internationale which opened in Moscow July 17, 1928, according to the July 25, 1928 issue of "International Press Correspondence," official Party organ, inasmuch as the speech given by "Comrade WHITEMAN (Negro)" at this Congress was quoted on page 4 of this newspaper.

It is noted that MAURICE MALKIN, charter member of the CPUSA, advised SA W. J. HIGGINS of the New York Office on October 21, 1941, that he saw WHITEMAN in 1928 at the 6th World Congress of the Communist Internationale; that both resided at the Lux Hotel in Moscow.

[According to the records of T-1, a confidential source abroad, LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN in 1931 reportedly was then teaching mathematics and chemistry in Moscow at an American school organized for the children of American engineers in Russia.]

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Regarding the alias JAMES JACKSON, reportedly used by WHITEMAN in Russia in 1924, it is noted that records of the Passport Office checked by SA [ ] on December 20, 1955, failed to contain any information under this name.

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It is also noted that when one CLAUDE MC KAY (now deceased) was interviewed on September 9 and 10, 1947 by SA [ ] in Chicago, MC KAY said he was acquainted with LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN in the 1920's and that WHITEMAN visited Russia sometime after MC KAY left Russia, around the mid 1920's. MC KAY said WHITEMAN occasionally wrote to one GRACE CAMPBELL (now deceased) and himself; however, he had no information in 1947 concerning the whereabouts of WHITEMAN.

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Informants, in the Chicago area in a position to know WHITEMAN and his past activities, were contacted for possible information concerning the present whereabouts of WHITEMAN, as follows:

(u) T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who has been familiar with Communist activities in the Chicago area for many years, reported on February 6, 1956 that he had heard in the early 1930's that LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN had encountered some difficulty with the CP and had been expelled. Informant declared he has not since heard anything concerning the whereabouts or activities of WHITEMAN. (S)

(u) T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who has been familiar with Communist activities in the Chicago area for many years, reported on August 23, 1955 that LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN was almost a "legendary figure" among Negro Communists not only in the United States but throughout the world. He recalled that WHITEMAN's name was mentioned in Party circles in Chicago during the middle 1930's in a fashion indicating WHITEMAN was in Chicago at that time. However, this informant was never personally acquainted with WHITEMAN and is not aware of WHITEMAN's present whereabouts. (S)

(u) T-3 recalled that WHITEMAN at one time reportedly had been associated with one JAMES PADMORE, who later broke with the Party, and that WHITEMAN and PADMORE were closely associated with the Comintern in Russia and also travelled in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Russia many years ago. (S)

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(u) Informant also recalled that one ALONZO ~~ISBELL~~ had once stated that he, WHITEMAN, and one other Negro, were the only American Negroes who were recognized by the newly formed Party after the Lovestone and Cannon split. ~~(S)~~

<sup>ICP</sup> (u) On January 10, 1956, a photo of WHITEMAN was exhibited to ~~T-3~~ who said the 1927 photo of WHITEMAN bears a close resemblance to an individual informant remembers having appeared at a platform as a speaker at a mass meeting of the International Labor Defense approximately one year before the International Labor Defense disbanded in Chicago during the 1930's. Informant was in possession of no additional information regarding WHITEMAN.

(u) ~~T-4~~ who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who has been familiar with Communist activities in the Chicago area for a number of years, reported on January 23, 1956 that he did not recognize WHITEMAN's photo and could provide no information concerning him.

(u) ~~T-5~~ who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who has been acquainted with Communist activities in the New York area for many years, advised on February 2, 1956 that he is not acquainted with WHITEMAN and has no information regarding his whereabouts. ~~(S)~~

(u) ~~T-6~~ who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who has been acquainted with Communist activities during the late 1920's, and who also attended the Lenin School in Russia in 1927-1928, advised on August 16, 1955 that he recalled meeting LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, an American Negro, in Moscow in 1927 while informant was attending the Lenin School there. To informant's recollection, WHITEMAN did not appear to have a specific assignment but was a delegate of some kind. Informant noted that the role of the Negroes in the CP at that time was quite important and was one of the reasons there were a number of American Negroes in Russia at the time. ~~(S)~~

(u) Informant said he has not seen or heard of WHITEMAN since 1927 but believes that if WHITEMAN had returned to the United States he and probably others would have heard about it, in view of WHITEMAN's ability and prominence as an Organizer for the Party. ~~(S)~~

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(u) The records of [T-7] an agency engaged in collecting security information in the Chicago area, checked on December 22, 1955 contained a card dated 1934, LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN, 4727 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, indicating that WHITEMAN was a "Party member - Communist." Original source of this information was unknown.

Police and Credit

The files of the Records and Communications Section, Chicago Police Department, checked by Clerk [ ] on August 17, 1955, contained no information concerning WHITEMAN.

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The records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc., checked on December 20, 1955, contained no information concerning WHITEMAN.

Identification Record

Records of the Identification Division, FBI, reflect under FBI #222838, that LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN was arrested by the St. Louis, Missouri Police Department, their number 15661, on October 10, 1919, charged "member of IWW"; disposition not shown. The fingerprints of LOVETT F. WHITEMAN, Negro, born December 3, 1889 were also received by the Identification Division from the U.S. Civil Service Commission, number 82622, on July 27, 1929.

DESCRIPTION

The following is a composite description of WHITEMAN as obtained from the record of the Passport Office, Department of State, and from EDWARD L. DOTY, 623 East Bowen, Chicago:

Name:	LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN
Alias:	JAMES JACKSON
Sex:	Male
Race:	Negro
Address:	Unknown
Date and place of birth:	12/3/89, Dallas, Texas
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	160-175
Build:	Slender

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Hair:	Black and kinky
Eyes:	Dark maroon
Complexion:	Medium red-brown
Features:	Sharp; thin
Peculiarities:	Fingernails unusually long, nearly effeminate in mannerisms
Characteristics:	Appeared "educated", an extrovert, good speaker, intelligent.
Occupation:	Journalist
Scars:	Slight scar under left eye
FBI No.	222838
Photo:	1924 and 1927 passport photos available.

It is noted WHITEMAN's height has been variously reported from 5'9" to 6'1".

EDWARD L. DOTY, mentioned above, who is approximately 6' tall, stated he is positive that WHITEMAN was three or four inches shorter than he. WHITEMAN himself on his passport application dated May 16, 1927, declared his height as 5'9; WHITEMAN's fingerprint card, contributed by the Civil Service Commission, received July 27, 1929, indicates his height as 5'8 3/4".

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Chicago file 61-80 captioned, "LOVETT FORT-WHITEMAN; RADICAL ACTIVITIES" mentioned on page 1 of Bulet to New York dated July 15, 1955, was destroyed in 1951 under the 25 year rule. However, the case entitled, "Workers Communist Party of America; Communist Activities," CG 61-1, contains some information concerning the activity of WHITEMAN in 1925 and this information has been used herein, although the original source of some of this information is unknown. It is noted that information contained in these early FBI reports was also utilized by the Division of Eastern European Affairs, Department of State, in their memoranda mentioned herein.

It is noted that a considerable amount of information obtained from records of the Passport Office, HCUA, and files of the Bureau and Chicago Office, is substantially a duplication of the same information; accordingly, the original source of information has been utilized wherever possible herein.

Careful consideration has been given to each source used in this report and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the informants must be protected.

The check of the records of the Chicago Police Department and the Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc., were made by SE [REDACTED]

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	File No. where Loc.
(U) T-1: [REDACTED]	1931	100-30920-23
T-2: [REDACTED]	Current informant check	100-30920-26
T-3: [REDACTED]	"	100-30920-5 and 24
T-4: [REDACTED]	"	100-30920-29

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T-6: [redacted]	"	100-30920-6
T-7: [redacted]	"	100-30920-6

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THE NEW YORK DIVISION - Information

One copy of this report is designed for the information of the New York Office in view of prior residence and activity of WHITEMAN in New York and the possibility of conducting additional investigation in New York should information be received in the future that WHITEMAN may be in the United States.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] dated 10/25/55 at New York.  
New York letter to Bureau dated 10/25/55.  
Chicago letters to Bureau dated 10/21/55 and 3/14/56.  
Bulet to New York dated 7/15/55.  
Bulet to Chicago dated 6/15/56.

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